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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Sheriff Clarke Activates Operation Safe Drive During Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Before the Thanksgiving holiday, Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke delivered his holiday and winter safe driving plan. The plan, which started this holiday weekend, continues through the end of the year. Most importantly, Sheriff Clarke insisted that motorists engage in **defensive driving** this winter season.

From Wednesday, November 23 to Sunday, November 27, the Sheriff's Office enforcement initiative, **Operation Safe Drive**, resulted in the following arrests, citations, and calls for service:

55 Seat Belt Citations  
311 Excessive Speed Citations  
16 Drunk Driving Arrests  
36 Crashes with Property Damage Only  
15 Crashes with Minor Injuries  
45 Unlicensed/Revoked Drivers  
7 Warrant Arrests

The 2011 traffic enforcement activity for citations and arrests totaled 485, a 54% increase compared to the 260 in 2010.

In addition, the Thanksgiving enforcement efforts of the Southeast Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task resulted in 18 drunk driving arrests.

#### *Additional Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Statistics:*

- The first OWI arrest occurred at 9:57 a.m. Wednesday
- The last OWI arrest took place at 3:10 p.m. Thursday
- The average prohibited alcohol level was .11
- The highest prohibited alcohol level was .13
- 107 citations were issued (including (4) deviating from lane, (7) speeding, (18) operating while revoked/suspended or without a valid drivers license.)

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**The following agencies participating in the Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force:**

- Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
- Bayside Police Department
- Cudahy Police Department
- Franklin Police Department
- Greendale Police Department
- Milwaukee Police Department
- South Milwaukee Police Department
- St. Francis Police Department
- Wauwatosa Police Department
- West Allis Police Department
- City of Brookfield Police Department
- Village of Elm Grove Police Department
- Village of Menomonee Falls Police Department
- Town Of Brookfield Police Department
- Wisconsin State Patrol

**Defensive Driving Tips:**

- Drive at speeds appropriate for skill & experience level
- Increase following/stopping distance
- Do not text while driving
- Remain alert and watch out for quickly changing road conditions
- Wear your seat belt

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